

THOUSANDS OF SHOPMEN JOIN IN STRIKE

\$80,000,000 Motor Merger In Dayton, O.

14 PLANTS IN 7 STATES ARE JOINED

Consolidation Includes Seven Auto and Truck Factories.

Dayton, Ohio, July 1.—(By the Associated Press)—An \$80,000,000 consolidation of manufacturers of automobiles, trucks, and automobile parts, has been completed here under the name of The Associated Motor Industries.

Full speed production will be started within a few days in all plants, it was announced. A number of other manufacturers of cars are being considered in the consolidation and some additions may be announced soon, it was said.

National Motor Car and Vehicle Corporation, Indianapolis, Ind., is the largest of the companies being consolidated. Other companies include: Lockport, N. Y., transmission and clutch makers; Recording and Computing Machines company, Dayton, Ohio, ignition, magneto, starter, battery and generator manufacturers; Jackson Motors corporation, Jackson, Mich.; Kentucky Wagon Manufacturing company, Louisville, Ky.; Saginaw Sheet Metal works, Saginaw, Mich.; Traffic Motor Truck corporation, St. Louis, Mo.; Murray-Tregurtha corporation, Boston, Mass., manufacturers of gasoline engines; H. F. Holbrook company, New York, manufacturers of automobile bodies.

The officers of the corporation besides Mr. Ohmer, chairman of the board, include: Louis Ruthenberg, Dayton, president; A. A. Gleitsner, Lockport, N. Y., Robert V. Board, Louisville, T. C. Brandt, St. Louis, and George M. Dickson, Indianapolis, vice-presidents.

Directors named. The directors include, in addition to the above, James R. Duffin, Louisville; H. G. Stoddard, Worcester, Mass.; H. V. Hall, Saginaw, Mich.; and Linkert, Dayton; C. L. (Continued on Page Fifteen.)

PEORIA KICKS ON COAL RATES

Files Complaint With State Commission Against Peoria & Peoria Union Railroad.

Springfield, Ill., July 1.—Complaint of the Peoria Association of Commerce that freight rates for coal charged by the Peoria & Peoria Union railroad and the Peoria Railroad Terminal company are "stifling Illinois industry" and "are giving Iowa and Indiana manufacturers an unfair advantage," was filed here today with the Illinois commerce commission.

MRS. KIRSCH INDICTED. Mineola, L. I., July 1.—Mrs. Hazel Kirsch was indicted for first degree assault in connection with the shooting of her husband, Oscar Kirsch, on the lawn of Reine Davis, actress.

ONE KILLED IN AUTO TURNOVER

New Berlin, Ill., July 1.—R. C. Wallace, general foreman of the Wallace Lumber Co. at Bluffs, Ill., was instantly killed near here last night when a wheel came off the automobile in which he was riding and it turned over. His wife, daughter and brother-in-law were injured. The family was formerly of Dan.

NORTH DAKOTA INDEPENDENTS BEAT LEAGUE

Non-Partisans Lose Race For Congress Seats.

Fargo, N. D., July 1.—(By the Associated Press)—With the nomination of Governor R. A. Nestos and Lynn J. Frazier for governor and United States senator, respectively, on the Republican ticket assured, interest today was directed to the nominations for other state offices voted on in Wednesday's primary. The notable plurality of Governor Nestos, Independent, is set in independent sources at from 8,000 to 12,000 and those same sources place the plurality of Frazier, Non-Partisan, at 4,000 to 6,000, as against the 15,000 lead the league had claims for the latter.

It is admitted that league headquarters at Fargo are in a state of confusion, and in available returns on these there has been no evidence of such turnovers. Senator Porter J. McCumber, whose defeat by Frazier had been conceded by his friends, showed unexpected strength in some of the strong league precincts, whereas the Fargo Forum, which supported Nestos and other Independent candidates, declares the congressional contests in the Republican party resulted in the nomination of all incumbents. O. B. Burdness, Independent in the first district, George Young, Independent, second district, and James Sinclair, Non-Partisan, in the third.

The league's heavy loss in the nomination of the legislature. The Independent forces suffered some losses in the legislature. They lost two representatives in the Golden Valley district, another in Sargent, one in Dickey, one in Western, Walsh, and available reports have shown no counter gains.

League candidates lost state senate seats in Traill and Pierce counties.

RAIL BRIDGE IN ERIN BLOWN UP

Rail Communication Between Belfast and Dublin Severed—Fifty More Rebels Surrender.

Belfast, Ireland, July 1.—(By the Associated Press)—The big main line bridge two miles south of Drogheda has been blown up, severing railway communication between Belfast and Dublin.

Dublin, Ireland, July 1.—(By the Associated Press)—More than fifty insurgents who have been holding out in the Capel street area surrendered to the government forces at 2 o'clock this morning and were marched to the Wellington barracks, says a statement issued by the national army headquarters.

It is reported on good authority that Eamon de Valera is in command of a detachment of insurgents which is holding out against the government troops in Sackville street, several blocks from Four Courts.

THE WEATHER

Fair tonight and Sunday. Cooler by Sunday morning. Highest temperature yesterday, 80; lowest last night, 70. Wind velocity at 7 a. m. 4 miles per hour. Precipitation, last 24 hours, .23 inch.

CONGRESS MUST BACK RAIL BODY

Correction of Defects Up to Legislators, Harding Feels.

BY DAVID LAWRENCE. (Copyright, 1932, by The Argus.)

Washington, D. C., July 1.—President Harding feels that since the United States railroad labor board is the creature of congress any defects in its structure must be corrected by the legislative body. This is another way of saying that if the railway shopmen doubt the authority of the board and continue their strike, the responsibility for backing the decisions of the labor board lies with congress.

And the house of representatives has just adjourned until Aug. 15. The country is faced with industrial warfare and the ill-effects of a coal strike already prolonged beyond expectation. The government's effort to settle the coal controversy is likely to be successful though the exact formula is as yet by no means certain and the government is for the moment feeling its way.

Absorbed in the settlement of the coal strike, the government is none the less aware that the strike on the railroads involves a greater principle. In the case of the coal strikers, the government really has no legal power of authority and is merely a voluntary mediator.

In the railroad controversy, the government has a much more direct influence. The president himself when a member of the senate voted to insert a provision in the law which would make strikes unlawful. This was not finally adopted. There is therefore no penalty for violating the decisions of the United States railroad labor board.

May Arrest Leaders. Much significance, however, may be attached to a White House declaration that the United States labor board is the agency of the government and that when the board speaks the government speaks.

Taken literally this would mean the arrest for contempt of all the strike leaders who have refused to obey the summons to appear before the board. It is not yet certain how far the president is willing to go to use legal force to compel a respect for the decisions of the labor board.

In general terms he has indicated that the full weight of the government authority was back of the board. Recent decisions in the federal court have admitted the constitutionality of the transportation act with reference to the jurisdiction of the United States railroad labor board and have stated flatly that unquestionably the government could invoke its power to enforce decisions even though specific penalties for violation of decisions hadn't been provided by congress.

Mr. Harding would not hesitate to compel obedience by means of general statutes regarding the interruption of interstate commerce.

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MEX REBELS IN RAID ON YANK FUEL COMPANY

Seize Property Near Tuxtla; Hold For Ransom.

Washington, July 1.—The Palo Blanco camp of the Pan-Mexican Fuel company near Tuxtla, Mexico, has been raided by Mexican bandits under General Larraga and the property is held for 10,000 pesos, according to a message from Consul Shaw, at Tampico, to the state department sent late yesterday. The payment was demanded by July 1, but no details of the raid were available, the message added.

The Pan-Mexican Fuel company is an American concern and the camp referred to is about 30 miles west of Tuxtla. The message did not say whether any Americans had been held by the bandits as security for the payment demanded.

TEXANS FACING THROWBACK TO OX CART DAYS

Financial Troubles May Close Orient Railroad.

BY JAMES R. REEDER. Consolidated Press Correspondent. (Copyright, 1932, by The Argus.)

Fort Worth, Texas, July 1.—Twenty-eight Texas counties, the very heart of the cattle country, are preparing to go back to the ox cart and the mule train.

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Arthur Stillwell first conceived the idea of the Orient. It was an imposing dream. He planned the start at Kansas city and the terminal at the Pan Oceanic, after traversing a great part of Mexico. Work was begun at Wichita, Kan., and the road ended at San Antonio, Texas, bisecting the broad acre ranches all right but neither beginning nor ending anywhere that compensating traffic could be secured.

Through the 28 Texas counties little towns sprang up along the railroad and for a time there was a semblance of prosperity. But the drought of 1917 hit the cattle country. Thousands upon thousands of cattle dropped in their tracks and died of thirst. Prices dropped to panic figures. Cattlemen went broke one after another.

The railroad had no traffic and in consequence a receiver came. For a time he ran an occasional train. But his money gave out and now comes the announcement that no longer will finance operations and all trains will stop before August 1.

More Cattle Now. Merchants all along the line are rushing orders to stock up while they can. The ranchmen are moving as many cattle as possible. The old days will return and the cattle will be driven along the trails—they are roads now, but won't last long when the cattle begin tramping them down—and the merchants will freight their supplies by prairie schooner and motor trucks as long as the roads remain passable.

OPERATORS AND MINERS IN PARLEY

Harding Warns That Prompt Settlement Must Result.

Washington, July 1.—With all participants pledged to maintain silence during the interim the conference of coal operators and miners summoned today by President Harding took a two hour adjournment shortly after noon.

John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, had made a long address during the session and Secretary Hoover had intervened in the deliberations. Mr. Lewis' demand was understood to be for a reconstruction of the joint wage conference between miners, union officers and coal operators in the Central Field, Chairman Ogle made some remarks, but the attitude of the operators had not been stated fully before the temporary adjournment.

Washington, July 1.—President Harding in convening the conference of bituminous and anthracite coal operators and United Mine Workers officials at the White House today to devise means of negotiating a settlement of the nationwide coal strike, advised both parties to arrive with measurable proposals for an understanding.

The president in addressing the gathering, which included about 30 operators, the same number of miners, and several district presidents, and Secretaries Hoover, Davis and Fall, declared the present was "no time for the militant note of the radical" and reminded the conference that "toleration, fairness, the spirit of give and take, and finally a sense of the larger obligations to the public are essential to a successful conference."

Government Will Act. Coupled with his appeal and admonition the president uttered what was regarded as a warning when he said that if the operators and miners could not "settle this matter in a frank recognition of the mutuality of your interests . . . then the larger public interest must be asserted in the name of the people where the common good is the first and highest concern."

"You are admonished to arrive at such understanding with measurable promptness among yourselves," the president declared. "If the adjustment can not be reached by you alone, government aid will be available at your joint call. We wish you, who best know the way to solution, to reach it among yourselves in a manner to command the sanction of American public opinion. Failing in that the servants of the American people will be called to the task in the name of American safety and for the greatest good of all the people."

Baugherty Adds Warning. This warning note from the president after he had described the critical plight facing the nation through a continuation of the present suspension of work which today entered the fourth month was accentuated by the statement of Attorney General Daugherty, who conferring with the president prior to the convening of the conference, said he would not sit in the meeting as the department of justice would not interest itself in the matter for the present.

Another pointed statement in the president's address was: "Labor has the right, capital has the right, and above all else, the American public has the right to be freed from these recurring anxieties (strikes) no matter what the causes are. That freedom must be established."

RUSSIA ASKS GOLD. The Hague, July 1.—Russian soviet delegates asked for \$1,612,000,000 gold dollars on credit to reconstruct Russia.

BARE RUTH GETS HOME RUN NO. 9; HORNEBY NO. 20

Philadelphia, Pa., July 1.—"Babe" Ruth hit his ninth home run of the season in the third inning of the first game of the double-header with Philadelphia. His drive went into the leftfield bleachers and scored McNally ahead of him.

CONDON GIVEN LIFE TERM FOR SLAYING WIFE

Daughter and Son Chief Witnesses For State.

Chicago, July 1.—Life imprisonment was the verdict returned against Michael Condon yesterday by the jury which considered evidence charging him with stabbing to death his wife, Lillian, Jan. 6. The jury was out from 4 in the afternoon until 8:30 last night.

Condon accepted the verdict with composure. The state had asked the death penalty, and the defendant evidently believed himself fortunate that he was saved from the gallows.

Accused by Children. The principal witnesses against Condon were his two children, Lillian, 14, and William, 11.

They told of repeated quarrels between their father and mother, and of the tragic scene, during which he stabbed her. They were called to the stand at the closing session yesterday to refute testimony given by their father, who said his wife had been addicted to the use of liquor.

The little girl, pale but determined, asserted that she never had seen her mother under the influence of liquor, but that her father was occasionally intoxicated. The child nearly broke down when asked to identify the apron worn by her mother the night of the tragedy.

"Accident" Is Defense. William denied that his mother threw a cup of tea in his father's face the night of the argument, refuting testimony given by Condon Thursday.

William Radd, 3440 Seminary avenue, the last witness called, told of an alleged confession made by Condon.

"The knife was lying open on the dresser," said Radd, "and he grabbed it and jabbed her with it."

Condon's defense was that the stabbing was accidental.

KNOX COLLEGE GETS \$750,000

Endowment Drive Is Successful; Cyrus McCormick Donates \$25,000 to Fund.

Galesburg, Ill., July 1.—Knox college's endowment drive for \$750,000 was successfully completed before midnight last night, it was announced by college officials this morning. The campaign closed within the time limit set by the general education board and the college will receive an additional \$200,000 from that source.

An anonymous giver to the Chicago quota of \$100,000, it was announced today, was Cyrus H. McCormick of the International Harvester company, who donated \$25,000 to that city's fund. The sum raised in Chicago will establish a memorial professorship in honor of Judge Philip Sidney Post, Knox graduate and trustee, who died in Chicago last year while vice president of the International Harvester company.

EMPLOYEES FROM COAST TO COAST DROP TOOLS; 50,000 OUT AT MIDDAY

Traffic Is Uninterrupted; Trainmen Stick to Posts—Labor Board Will Make No Further Effort to End Strike.

Chicago, July 1.—(By the Associated Press)—Notwithstanding efforts of the federal government, acting through the United States labor board to throttle a strike of the nation's railway shop workers, thousands of shopmen answered the call of their union leaders and laid down their tools at 10 o'clock today.

There was no interruption of traffic on any line. Trainmen stuck to their posts, although they performed only their regular duties. All trains, the railroads reported, were running on schedule.

Statements from rail executives all over the country, although admitting large desertions from the shop ranks, reiterated their stand that transportation was unaffected and would continue so, perhaps for months.

No further effort would be made to settle the strike by the railroad labor board, it was said at the board's offices today. Dispatches from the four corners of the country reported the walk-out as general, although no accurate estimates of the percentage of the 400,000 union shop workers who quit work could be compiled.

Chicago, July 1.—(By the Associated Press)—Thousands of railway shopmen dropped their tools today to join the nation-wide strike call issued by the international presidents of the six shop crafts unions. Early reports indicated that shop machinists and their helpers from the New England roads to the western transcontinental lines were generally joining the walkout, with about 54,000 already reported actually to have quit work at mid-day.

Decatur, Ill., July 1.—Sixteen hundred men walked out of the Wabash division shops here on strike this morning. No effort was made to continue work.

Joliet, Ill., July 1.—Sixteen hundred and fifty men walked out of the E. J. & E. railway shops and yards here this morning despite the fact that the road had announced no cut in wages and had planned no reduction. They were striking in sympathy with workers on other roads they said.

Danville, Ill., July 1.—Thirteen hundred shopmen employed in the Chicago & Eastern Illinois shops here walked out on strike at 10 o'clock this morning.

Few Out at Chicago. Chicago, July 1.—Police detailed to check up the extent of the railway shopmen's walkout in Chicago, reported up to noon that 100 employees quit at the Chicago & Alton shops, 35 at the Rock Island shops in Blue Island and that the superintendent of the Illinois Central shops said few of the 250 men working there had joined the strike.

Quincy, Ill., July 1.—Eighteen men employed in the shop crafts of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railway here obeyed the strike order at 10 o'clock this morning. There are about 45 men employed here.

Springfield, Ill., July 1.—Fifty-eight men, the entire force in the Wabash shops here, stopped work at 10 a. m.

60 at Hannibal. Hannibal, Mo., July 1.—Orders posted at 3:30 p. m. yesterday stating that the Hannibal division shops of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy had been put on a five days a week schedule until further notice, thus closing all departments for today, averted an actual walk-out this morning of the shop crafts, which have about 800 members here. Labor leaders claim that not one of these will return to work Monday.

About 60 men carrying out a "Sunday schedule" in the C. B. & Q. shops walked out at 10 o'clock. Officials of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railroad reported that all employees, about 25 men, at their shops here had walked out.

Galesburg, Ill., July 1.—The strike of the shop men here about 90 per cent effective, about 460 out of 500 men employed by the C. B. & Q. railroad quitting work at 10 o'clock.

Aurora, Ill., July 1.—Over 1,000 employees of the Burlington railroad shops left their work this morning when two short blasts of a whistle at 10 a. m. notified that the strike hour had arrived. Less than 100 journeymen remained on the job. Several hundred who do not belong to labor organizations went out with the men. Their out-march was met part by part by the police.

Feeling is strained and sarcasm is rampant among the strikers.

UNIONS INVOLVED. The following table prepared from information supplied by the federated shop crafts indicates the number of employees in each craft receiving authorization to strike today.

International Association of Machinists—50,000. International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Shipbuilders and Helpers of America—18,000. International Brotherhood of Blacksmiths, D. 11,000. International Association of Electrical Workers—11,000. International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and Reinforcing Iron Workers—11,000.